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**The U.S. Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation (AFCP)
Small Grants Program – FY 2019
Call for Proposals**

The U.S Embassy in Vientiane is accepting project proposals for the U.S. Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation (AFCP) 2018 - **Small Grants** Program Competition. The Fund was established in 2001 for preservation and protection of cultural heritage in support of prosperity and stability around the world.

Awards made through this program for project proposals in eligible countries have ranged from \$10,000 to \$200,000 per project. In FY 2018, awards ranged from US \$ 15,000 to US \$ 200,000.

The deadline for submitting project proposals to the U.S. Embassy is **December 10, 2018**.

BACKGROUND: Since 2001, Congress has directed the Department of State to support and implement the U.S. Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation (AFCP). The Senate report on this bill noted that the preservation of cultural heritage offers an opportunity to show a different American face to the world, one that is non-commercial, non-political, and non-military. The AFCP has supported more than 700 projects to preserve cultural heritage in more than 100 countries around the globe.

Qualified entities are reputable and accountable non-governmental organizations, museums, ministries of culture, or similar institutions that are able to demonstrate that they have the requisite experience and capacity to manage projects to preserve cultural heritage.

FUNDING AREAS: AFCP will recommend for funding those applications that include project activities that adhere to the following guidelines and to international standards for the preservation of cultural heritage. These activities may include:

A. IN THE CASE OF CULTURAL SITES: conservation of an ancient or historic building, preservation of an archeological site, or documentation of cultural sites in a region for preservation purposes.

B. IN THE CASE OF CULTURAL OBJECTS AND COLLECTIONS: conservation treatment for an object or collection of objects from a museum, site, or similar institution—that include, but are not limited to, archaeological and ethnographic objects, paintings, sculpture, manuscripts, and general museum conservation needs; needs assessment of a collection with respect to its condition and strategies for improving its state of conservation; inventory of a collection for conservation and protection purposes; the creation of safe environments for storage or display of collections; or specialized training in the care and preservation of collections

C. IN THE CASE OF FORMS OF TRADITIONAL CULTURAL EXPRESSION: documentation and audiovisual recording of traditional music, indigenous languages and dance forms for broad dissemination as the means of teaching and further preserving them, or support for training in the preservation of traditional applied arts or crafts in danger of extinction

Please see the Embassy’s web page for more detailed program information and application forms (<http://la.usembassy.gov/afcp>)

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: To see detailed application instructions, please click [here](#) and follow the application guidelines on pages 3-5 of the FY2019 AFCP Small Grants Program Call for Proposals – https://la.usembassy.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/85/Call-for-Proposals-AFCP-Small-Grant-Laos-FY-2019-FINAL_Oct2018.pdf

HOW TO APPLY: Applicants must submit **Project Proposals** via email according to the requirements described in the [FY2019 AFCP Small Grants Program Call for Proposals https://la.usembassy.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/85/Call-for-Proposals-AFCP-Small-Grant-Laos-FY-2019-FINAL_Oct2018.pdf](https://la.usembassy.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/85/Call-for-Proposals-AFCP-Small-Grant-Laos-FY-2019-FINAL_Oct2018.pdf) to the U.S. Embassy by the local deadline of **Monday, December 10, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. local time in Laos (GMT+7).**

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